

Calendar of Ministries

✠ Saturday, October 26

Maury River Mission Community at
New Monmouth, 9 to 3

Fall Festival at Millboro Elementary
from 4 p.m. to 7:30

Evening Prayers at 8 p.m.

✠ Sunday, October 27

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Session lunch following worship

✠ Monday, October 28

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Tuesday, October 29

Morning Prayers at 8

Women's Bible Study at 6:45 p.m.

✠ Wednesday, October 30

Morning Prayers at 8

Bible Club at the High School, 8:08

Choir at 7 p.m.

✠ Thursday, October 31

Morning Prayers at 8

Men's Group Meeting at 7 p.m.

✠ Friday, November 1

Morning Prayers at 8

✠ Saturday, November 2

Evening Prayers at 8

✠ Sunday, November 3

Sunday School at 9:45

Morning Worship at 11

Teen Group at 5 p.m. at Millboro Ele-
mentary School

Things to Come

Be on the lookout for our Fellowship
Event in November.

Thanksgiving is coming on November
28 with our Community Service on
Sunday, November 24.



The Weekly Word

**Windy Cove Presbyterian Church
October 24, 2013**

Teens Testify

Last Sunday evening, a sizeable group of teens and adults gathered at Bath County High School for the Fields of Faith event. The local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) sponsors this yearly service of worship and testimony. The purpose of the event is to spread the gospel of Jesus and to encourage teens in their walk with the Lord.

The evening began when Pastor Steve Shaver welcomed the worshipers. Pastor Shaver is a coach at the High School and one of the advisors for the FCA. He also introduced Roy Burns and the praise team from Faith Covenant Church who led the opening worship. Those present enjoyed worshipping the Lord together where many different churches were represented.

Following this praise time, teens from the High School gave testimonies about their faith and growth in Christ. Ryan Woodzell spoke about the necessity of reading and studying the Bible in order to stay close to Jesus. Ryan mentioned some practical steps to keep in the Word.

First, he asked for a show of hands of those who had smart phones or electronic devices like iPods or iPads.

The response from the crowd was nearly universal. Then, Ryan mentioned some of the available Bible apps (applications for those of you who don't frequent such devices) like the YouVersion of the Bible that work on these devices. Such devices and apps make the Bible readily available even to busy teens. Ryan also mentioned the consistency of reading the Bible every day if only for a short time. Even a page or two keeps a person rooted in the Word.

Mikayla Miller spoke about the growth of her faith during several mission trips to Haiti with Windy Cove Mission Teams. She especially mentioned her interaction with the children there as being significant

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Take Note!

Bring your pennies on Sunday, October 27, for our Four Cents Hunger Offering.

If you haven't picked a pumpkin yet to feed our school children in Haiti, now is a good time to do so. We recently had a message from Charlotte Eiland Venable who picked her pumpkin via the *Weekly Word* all the way from Opp, Alabama.

The Fall Festival at Millboro Elementary is coming up this Saturday, Oct. 26. Could you help with Trunk or Treat?

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for her continued Christian growth. She also cited the relationship with other team members as an important source of encouragement. As a fitting conclusion to her testimony, Mikayla and her mother, April, sang a modern version of "Amazing Grace."

Mikayla is presently serving as one of the chaplains for FCA at their Wednesday gatherings before the start of the school day. The other chaplain is Sydney Herscher who also spoke about Christian growth.

Sydney hit upon a topic that is so important to teens: relationships. Sydney mentioned how relationships can strengthen one's walk with God. She quoted the familiar verse from Proverbs 27, "Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds of each other," to prove her point.

Sydney also dealt with the other side of relationships: that of ending or being cut off from an important relationship. As teens move into and out of friendships, they experience the pain of rejection which is often deep at that period of one's life. Sydney spoke of how her faith had given her aid in such situations.

Tanner Bradley gave a brief testimony to his faith. By his own admission, giving a testimony was new territory for him. He readily admitted to being nervous. His testimony struck a chord with many in the crowd as he rejoiced that he had

grown up in a Christian home with parents who encouraged him to attend church. Thus, his own profession of Christ came as a natural development of Christian nurture. Many Christians can readily identify with Tanner's story.

Pastor Steve Shaver also spoke briefly about his own journey with the Lord. As Steve tells it, as a young adult he had wondered far away from the Lord. Yet, God was searching for him, pursuing him as the shepherd pursues the lambs who are lost. It was after Steve suffered severe injuries from an industrial accident that he heard again the voice of the Good Shepherd calling him back.

The evening concluded with prayer. Pastor Shaver called Sharon Sherrard forward along with all the kids who were present. Sharon is also an advisor to FCA at the High School. Sharon led a powerful prayer for the teens and the school. Many folks lingered after the prayer still enjoying the warm glow of Christian fellowship.

Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat

Millboro Elementary School has lots of fun activities for kids and their families planned for their second Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 26, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the school. Just to mention a few things, there will be Trunk or Treat, inflatable jumping tents, a craft station, bucket rides by BARC, corn hole games, and much more.

Principal Allison Hicklin is still looking for Trunk or Treaters. Mr. Sherrard filled that role for Windy Cove at last year's Fall Festival. He helped distribute snacks, candy, and Bibles to the children who came by. However, Mr. Sherrard has other commitments for this Saturday. So, we still could use a Trunk or Treat person from Windy Cove. If the Lord is nudging you in this direction, call Mr. Sherrard or Kim Lancaster right away.

Paul and Barnabas Sail for Cyprus

Last Sunday, October 20, the Windy Cove Congregation watched Paul and Barnabas set sail for Cyprus. Yes, watched! The congregation in its present study of Paul has been using the Visual Bible as a resource for better understanding the life, travels, and teaching of the Apostle Paul. The Visual Bible portrays the story found in the Book of Acts while using only the accepted text from the New International Version of the Bible.

Seeing the story portrayed on video gives a greater sense of the movement of Paul as he journeyed far and wide through the Roman Empire. The video presentation also helps to show the interaction that Paul had with folks as he traveled and preached the gospel. The video helps the Biblical story to leap off the page and become more tangible.

So, after the Lord spoke to the Christians in Antioch of Syria, Paul and Barnabas set sail for Cyprus. One would think that the Lord led them to Cyprus since that was the home of Barnabas. They ministered to a Roman official at Paphos on Cyprus and admonished a false prophet. The Roman official believed in the Lord when he saw the power in Paul's teaching.

They boarded a ship again to sail to Asia Minor or what is now the nation of Turkey. They came to another town called Antioch in the region called Pisidia. Paul and Barnabas preached in the Jewish synagogue there. Paul's message recounted how God's plan for the restoration of the world was being worked out through the Jews with the coming of Jesus.

Paul especially emphasized that forgiveness was available through Jesus. Jesus had provided a way for human beings to return to a right relationship to God. People were not destined to live aimless, selfish, guilt-ridden lives. Instead, they had the opportunity to find meaning and peace by believing in the risen savior Jesus.

Paul highlighted the hope that Christians have for the future. Jesus' resurrection proves that there is life beyond death. That promised future awaits for all who accept God's grace in Jesus trusting that God's power will raise them as it did Jesus.